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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

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1. COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF EC COMMISSION

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DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR COUNCIL ACTION JULY 19-20 AND IN ANY EVENT NO LATER THAN JULY 31,1973.

2. PROGRAM CALLS FOR VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS AND PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT COMMUNITY LEVEL DURING NEXT TWO YEARS WITH EMPHASIS ON HARMONIZATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES POLICIES AND PRACTICES INCLUDING STANDARDS. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES ARE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND AVOIDANCE OF DISTORTIONS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT AMONG MEMBERS AS RESULT DIFFERENCES IN THEIR POLICIES.

3. U. S. BELIEVES COMMISSION PROGRAM OFFERS PROMISING POSSIBILITIES. NONETHELESS WE CONCERNED THAT COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING ACTION PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROGRAM MAY NOT ADEQUATELY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF U. S. AND OTHER IMPORTANT NON- EC MEMBERS.

4. U. S. TAKES INTERESTS OF THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING FOREIGNERS, INTO ACCOUNT IN ESTABLISHING ITS RULES. WHILE WE WOULD NOT SUGGEST THAT OTHERS FOLLOW EXACTLY THE SAME PROCEDURES, WE MIGHT POINT OUT U. S. REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER GENERALLY WITH PROVISIONS FOR COMMENT BY THOSE AFFECTED BEFORE MEASURES GO INTO EFFECT. IN ADDITION, ALL OECD MEMBERS COMMITTED TO CONSULT UNDER EARLY WARNING PROCEDURE. ONE CONSULTATION -- ON PCB'S -- HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.

5. IN OUR VIEW CAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE WELL SERVED IF COMMISSION WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE U. S. AND OTHER NON-COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS WELL AS COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OECD TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN DEVELOPING ITS ACTION PROGRAM.

6. AS FAR AS WE KNOW COMMISSION GENERALLY FAVORS SUCH COOPERATION, BUT MAY BE RELUCTANT TO GO VERY FAR IN THIS REGARD WITHOUT EXPLICIT APPROVAL OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

7. ACCORDINGLY, IF ACTION POSTS CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONS  
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WILL SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE SUCH REPRESENTATIONS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL SUGGESTING HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER EC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM INDICATE FOR RECORD DESIRABILITY OF COMMISSION ACTIVELY CONSULTING WITH NON- EC MEMBERS BILATERALLY AND WITHIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING THEIR ACTION PROGRAM. IN MAKING SUCH REPRESENTATIONS POSTS

SHOULD EMPHASIZE SUCH COOPERATION SERVES MUTUAL INTERESTS  
OF ALL COUNTRIES TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, CONTRIBUTE  
TO MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
RESOURCES IN ENVIRONMENT FIELD AND TO AVOID CREATION NEW  
NON- TARIFF BARRIER TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT. RUSH

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